especially to letters by adopting the rate for every additional tola or part of it over 1 tola to 3 pies?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The postal rate for a letter not exceeding 1 tola in weight is 1 anna.

(*c*) The reduction of the Anchal rate for letters not exceeding 1 tola in weight, from 1 anna to 9 pies, will adversely affect the Anchal revenue.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No, as reduction in the Anchal rates will adversely affect the Anchal revenue.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In view of the reply of the Government that we are competing with the British system the replies to sub-divisions (*b*) and (*c*) show that we do not compete with the British system. Is it not therefore better to reduce it?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Our rates are much lower.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In the matter of a letter weighing 1 tola it is the same as the British system?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That is only with regard to letters weighing 1 tola. It is 1 anna up to $2\frac{1}{2}$ tolas. Above 1 tola they are levying half an anna more.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* We can have 4 pies more for every additional tola.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* If we reduce the rate will not poor people be writing more letters and will not the revenue be increased thereby?

AGRICULTURISTS' CREDIT FACILITIES INQUIRY COMMITTEE—REPORT—ORDERS ON

387. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Committee appointed to consider the scheme of issuing credit bonds for the relief of agriculturist debtors have submitted their recommendations;

(*b*) if so, has the report been published; if not, why?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The report of the Committee together with the Government orders thereon has been published in the Gazette.

388. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the action they have taken on the report of the Committee they have had appointed to consider a scheme of credit bonds for the indebted agriculturists of the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The report of the Committee with the orders thereon has been published in the Gazette.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Have the Government considered the recommendations of the Committee?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* It was only after due consideration that orders were passed.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Now that the credit bond system is not going to be worked out, is there any other alternative proposal before the Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Have the Government any idea to go to the succour of the Agriculturists?

AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF SCHEME SPREAD OVER 30 YEARS

389. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the fact that a Bill providing 30 years' annual instalment-payment of obligations for the indebted agriculturists of the State got the support of the non-official majority of the House last year has come to their kind attention?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Government are aware that 14 non-official members of the Council supported the Bill.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to sympathetically consider the prayer contained in the memorial submitted by the members of this House, so that the

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